

# **State of Illinois 91st General Assembly Final Senate Journal**

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**NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**1ST LEGISLATIVE DAY**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2000**

**5:00 O'CLOCK P.M.**

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At the Fourth Special Session of the Ninety-First General Assembly the State of Illinois, begun and held at the Capitol in the City of Springfield on the 28th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand, at the hour of 5:00 o'clock p.m., the Honorable James "Pate" Philip, President of the Senate, called the Senate to order, pursuant to the proclamation of the Governor.

Prayer by Senator Edward F. Petka, Plainfield, Illinois.  
Senator Sieben led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

By the direction of the President, the Secretary of the Senate read the following communication from the Secretary of State together with the proclamation of the Governor.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

JESSE WHITE  
Secretary of State

June 22, 2000

Jim Harry  
Secretary of the Senate  
Room 401  
Capitol Building  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Mr. Harry:

Enclosed is a copy of Proclamation No. 2000-323, filed in my office on June 22, 2000, by Governor George H. Ryan, calling the Illinois Senate of the 91st General Assembly in a Special Session to commence on June 28, 2000, at 5:00 P.M., to address the fuel price emergency by considering Senate Bill 1310 for the sole purpose of temporarily suspending the state government's portion of the occupation and use taxes on motor fuel and gasohol for the period of July 1, 2000 until January 1, 2001.

A notice and accompanying Proclamation will be mailed to each Member's home address, and a copy shall be mailed to each Member's home district office.

Sincerely,

s/Jesse White  
Secretary of State

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

**No. 2000-323**

WHEREAS, during the month of June, 2000, retail gasoline prices have increased dramatically and disproportionately throughout Illinois and other Midwestern states, and in some portions of

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Illinois now exceed \$2 per gallon; and

WHEREAS, these price increases are causing hardships on the citizens of Illinois, especially those on fixed incomes; and

WHEREAS, high retail gasoline prices could jeopardize Illinois' future economic growth and estimates show that high gasoline prices could drain approximately \$1 billion from Illinois' robust economy

through increased consumer prices and added transportation costs; and  
WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has not responded to repeated requests to suspend new gasoline production rules, an action that the United State House of Representatives Committee on Science indicates would lower retail gasoline prices in Illinois by 25 cents to 50 cents per gallon; and

WHEREAS, federal action to determine the cause of these apparently unjustified retail price increases or an increase in oil production output by oil producing nations will come too late to help Illinois consumers cope with the current energy emergency; and

WHEREAS, energy experts cannot predict with any certainty whether retail gasoline prices will increase or decrease in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that some relief be granted to Illinois consumers immediately; and

WHEREAS, our bordering sister state of Indiana has acted to reduce retail prices by temporarily suspending some taxes on gasoline sales, which raises the possibility of similar action by our other sister states in the Midwest and threatens the competitiveness of Illinois retailers; and

WHEREAS, the 91st Illinois General Assembly is not scheduled to convene prior to November, 2000;

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I, George H. Ryan, Governor of the State of Illinois, hereby call and convene the 91st General Assembly in special session to commence on June 28, 2000, at 5:00 P.M., to address the fuel price emergency by considering Senate Bill 1310 for the sole purpose of temporarily suspending the state government's portion of the occupation and use taxes on motor fuel and gasohol for the period of July 1, 2000 until January 1, 2001.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield, this  
TWENTY-SECOND day of JUNE, in the Year of Our Lord two  
thousand, and of the State of Illinois the one hundred  
and EIGHTY-SECOND

s/JESSE WHITE  
Secretary of State

s/GEORGE H. RYAN  
Governor

#### **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Senator Weaver offered the following Senate Resolution and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

#### **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1**

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

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THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a majority of the members of the Senate has assembled pursuant to the proclamation of the Governor convening a special session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business.

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Senator Weaver offered the following Senate Resolution and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

#### **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2**

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that the President appoint a committee of five to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the Fourth Special Session of the Ninety-First General Assembly is now duly in session in pursuance of his proclamation, and is ready to receive any message he may desire to submit.

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

Senator Weaver offered the following Senate Resolution and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

#### **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3**

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that a Committee of three (3) members of the Senate be appointed, two (2) members to be appointed by the President and one (1) member to be appointed by the Minority Leader, to approve any and all Journals of the Senate for all days of the Fourth Special Session of the Ninety-First General Assembly where such Journals, prior to adjournment SINE DIE, have not been approved by the body as a whole.

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

#### **EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE**

On motion of Senator Weaver, Senator Klemm was excused from attendance due to hospitalization.

On motion of Senator Demuzio, Senator Molaro was excused from attendance due to personal business.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT

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ILLINOIS SENATE

June 27, 2000

Mr. Jim Harry  
Secretary of the Senate  
401 State House  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Resolution 3, I hereby appoint Senators Donahue and Bomke to the Committee to Approve the Senate Journal of the Fourth Special Session of the 91st General Assembly.

Sincerely,

s/James "Pate" Philip  
Senate President

Senator Karpiel announced that there will be a Republican caucus immediately upon adjournment.

At the hour of 5:12 o'clock p.m., on motion of Senator Weaver, the Senate stood adjourned until Thursday, June 29, 2000 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

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